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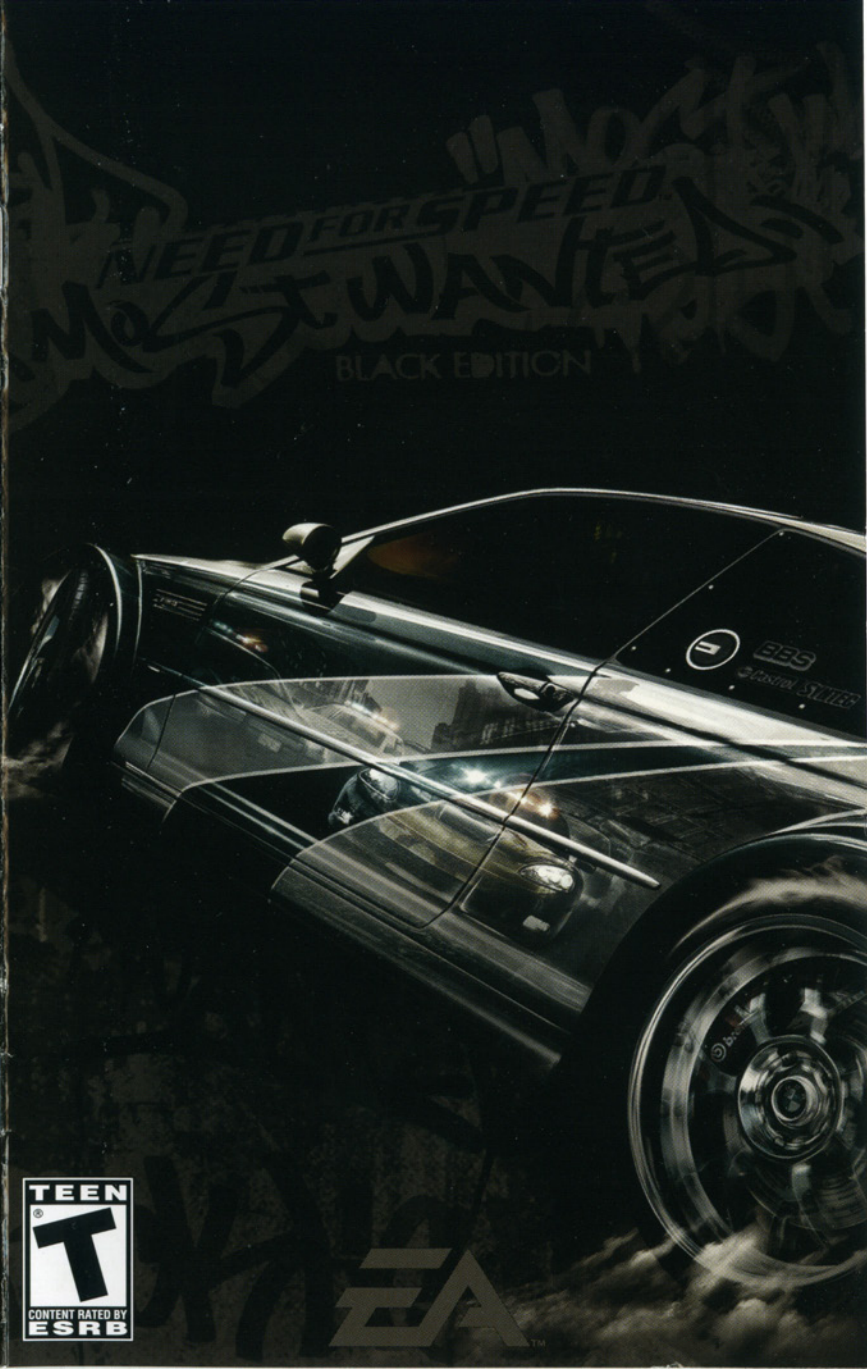


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Check out EA™ online at www.ea.com.

Installing the Game

Note: For system requirements, see needforspeed.ea.com.

To install *Need for Speed™ Most Wanted*:

1. Close all open programs and background tasks, including virus scanners (see *Performance Tips* on p. 9 for more info).
2. Insert *Need for Speed Most Wanted* Disc 1 into your CD/DVD-ROM drive. The Autorun menu appears.

Note: If the Autorun menu does not automatically appear, click the **Start** button from the Windows Taskbar and select **Run....** Type **D:\autorun.exe** in the Run dialog box, then click OK (substitute the correct letter of your CD/DVD-ROM drive if other than 'D:').

3. Click the **INSTALL** button on the Autorun menu, then follow the on-screen instructions to complete the installation.

Starting the Game

To start *Need for Speed Most Wanted* (with disc already in drive):

1. Close all open programs and background tasks, including virus scanners (see *Performance Tips* on p. 9 for more info).
2. Click the **Start** button from the Windows Taskbar and select **All Programs** (or **Programs**) > **EA GAMES** > **Need for Speed™ Most Wanted** > **Need for Speed™ Most Wanted**.

Complete Controls

Action	Primary	Secondary
Steer	←/→	N/A
Accelerate	↑	[ALT]
Brake/Reverse	↓	N/A
Shift up/down	[SHIFT]/[CONTROL] (left)	N/A
Handbrake	[SPACEBAR]	N/A
N2O	[X]	N/A
Change camera view	[C]	N/A
Look behind	[L]	N/A
Reset car	[R]	N/A
Pause	[ESC]	N/A
Speedbreaker	[CONTROL] (right)	[G]
View Blacklist	[B]	N/A
View world map	[M]	N/A
View SMS	[TAB]	N/A
Engage Event	[ENTER]	N/A

Welcome to the Black Edition

The races are intense. The speeds are insane. And the objective is simple: climb the Blacklist in order to become the most notorious street racer. Feel the thrill of the chase in a dynamic open world as you go head-to-head with drivers who customize their cars to take on tuners, exotics, muscle cars, and cops armed with advanced pursuit tactics and technology. But that's not all. In the *Need for Speed™ Most Wanted Black Edition*, a limited release commemorating the 10th anniversary of *Need for Speed™*, you'll get access to more cars and races and experience more intense police pursuits on your road to becoming the Most Wanted. Take to the streets in eight specially-tuned street machines or two exclusive *Need for Speed Most Wanted Black Edition* rides. When you are ready to take a break, dive into the exclusive *Need for Speed Most Wanted Black Edition* DVD and explore art galleries, videos, and interviews. *Need for Speed Most Wanted Black Edition* takes you under the hood of the *Need for Speed* franchise and gives you more exclusive content than ever before.

Features

2 Exclusive Cars—Get behind the wheel of a '67 Camaro, the only American classic in *Need for Speed Most Wanted*, and a specially-tuned BMW M3 GTR street machine right out of the box in Quick Races or Online duels.

8 Custom Rides—Unlocked and available to redline are eight specially-tuned rides featuring hand-selected body kits, spoilers, rims, roof scoops, and more.

Exclusive Pursuit Challenge—Hone your cop evasion skills in an intense Pursuit Challenge that features waves of supercharged SUV cops and the most aggressive police tactics ever seen in a *Need for Speed* game.

3 Exclusive Races—Ignite the streets in three races created specifically for the *Need for Speed Most Wanted Black Edition*.

Unlocked and Exclusive Vinyls—Personalize your ride faster than everyone else with dozens of unlocked vinyls, including special *Need for Speed Most Wanted Black Edition*-only designs.

Bonus DVD—Get under the hood of *Need for Speed Most Wanted*. Explore vehicle showcases and an exclusive car art gallery, or view movies, including a behind-the-scenes look at the creation of the stunning in-game cinematics with Josie Maran.

Setting Up the Game

My Alias

Before you can proceed to the Main menu, you are prompted to create an alias. Your game progress is automatically saved to your alias, once it is created.

- To create an alias, click YES when the prompt, "Create a new alias?" appears. Enter an alias name and click ACCEPT. A prompt appears asking if you are sure you wish to create this alias. Select YES. Your alias is created.
- To create a new alias, delete an existing alias, or manually save your game progress, select ALIAS MANAGER in the Main menu.

Main Menu

CAREER

Conquer Career mode and become the Most Wanted (see p. 5).

CHALLENGE SERIES

Test your skill in Tollbooth Time Trials and Pursuit Challenges (see p. 7).

QUICK RACE

Jump right into a race (see p. 6).

LAN

Challenge friends over a LAN connection (see p. 7).

ONLINE

Race others online (see p. 8).

MY CARS

Personalize extra vehicles here for use outside of Career mode (see p. 7).

ALIAS MANAGER

Customize your alias (see above) and save and load games (see p.4).

OPTIONS

Adjust audio, video, gameplay, player, and controller options (see below), select EA™ Trax, or view the credits.

Options

To access the Options menu in the Main menu, select OPTIONS.

To access the Options menu in-game, press **[ESC]** to pause the game then select OPTIONS.

Note: Default options are listed in bold type.

AUDIO

Set the in-game volume.

VIDEO

Adjust screen and display options.

GAMEPLAY

Adjust the jump camera, speedometer units, autosave, rear view mirror, and explore map modes, or toggle car damage **ON** or **OFF**.

PLAYER

Choose a transmission type, select a camera angle, or turn **ON** or **OFF** gauges, scoring, and leaderboards.

CONTROLS

View or remap the current controls.

EA™ TRAX

Adjust and preview the soundtrack in the game.

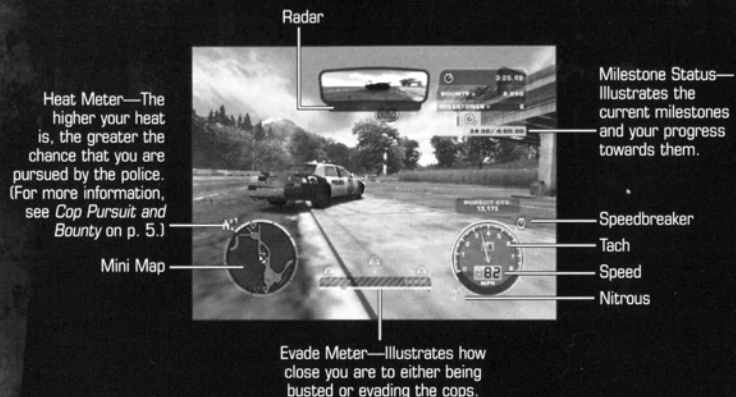
CREDITS

Meet the team behind *Need for Speed Most Wanted*.

Playing the Game

Slide into the driver's seat. With a variety of races, neighborhoods, and modes to choose from, the race to become the *Most Wanted* is at your fingertips.

Game Screen



Saving and Loading

Your game progress is saved automatically to your alias (for more information, see p. 3).

To save a game:

1. Select ALIAS MANAGER in the Main menu.
2. Select SAVE. A prompt appears asking if you are sure you want to save your game. Select YES. Your game is saved.

To load a game in Career mode:

1. Select CAREER in the Main menu.
2. Select LOAD GAME.
3. Select a alias. A prompt appears asking if you are sure you want to load your game. Select YES to confirm, then select CONTINUE. Your alias, with all of your saved game information, is loaded.

Game Modes

Earn your place in the racing world via a variety of game options, from one-shot Quick Races to an in-depth Career mode.

Note: For latest community events, gameplay hints, and tips, visit needforspeed.ea.com.

Career Mode

Your bounty and rap sheet are closely monitored by the police to determine who makes the Blacklist and who is the *Most Wanted*. Think you are the best driver? The road starts here.

- To start a game in Career mode, select CAREER in the Main menu then either RESUME CAREER, START NEW CAREER, or LOAD an existing alias.

Free Roam

The best spots to race in the city and its surroundings are begging to be discovered. Drive around to get a feel for the lay of the land, and as you cruise the world, test out some juicy stretches of road. Just remember to keep your eyes and ears peeled for news on the daytime racing scene and watch out for the cops. They'll stop at nothing to keep the racers off the street.

- To explore, select RESUME FREE ROAM in the Safe House menu.

The Blacklist 15

The Blacklist represents the 15 street racers who are most wanted by the police. Beat every one of them and you'll become the *Most Wanted*. You'll need to challenge and beat every one of them using your driving skills. To do this, complete a series of events and challenges to prove your mettle and become notorious.

- To view the Blacklist, select BLACKLIST 15 in the Safe House menu.

Events, Milestone Competitions, and Challenges

You'll have to earn your right to see your name on the Blacklist 15. To do this, you'll need to win races, complete pursuit milestones, and evade pursuits. If you're good enough, you may find yourself challenged to a showdown with one of the Blacklist racers. Beat them and you'll score their spot on the list.

- To jump to events, select BLACKLIST 15 in the Safe House menu, or press [B] when you are in a Free Roam. Select RACES or MILESTONES and click an event you wish to enter.

Cop Pursuit and Bounty

In the anything-goes world of street racing, the cops can be anywhere, and like you, they've got a few tricks up their sleeves. Eluding them requires a cool head and a little bit of fancy pedal work. Keep your eye on the Heat Meter, which surrounds your minimap. It's not just your rival racers you have to worry about. As your heat increases from 1 to 5, the chase gets tougher and the cops get harder to beat. If your driving style is particularly attention-grabbing, you may find yourself being pursued by state or even federal authorities. As the chase escalates, so does the quality of gear the police use to try to take you down. Those tiny roadblocks set up by the small-time fuzz may be a cinch for you to bypass, but try getting away from that State Police chopper or heavy SUVs. If you successfully evade the cops, the police will increase your bounty and bump you up their Blacklist. Get busted, however, and it will cost you.

Tip: There are hiding spots all over the open world where you can lay low until the heat is off. When you're in cooldown (meaning you broke line of sight with the pursuing cops), hiding spots appear in your minimap. Pull into one to speed up the cooldown period.

Note: While in a police pursuit, you are unable to enter any locations or races.

Rap Sheet

Ever wonder what the cops think about when they hear your license plate number over the radio? View your rap sheet to find out. Your rap sheet offers the police your pursuit statistics, the number of infractions on your record, and the total amount of dollars your antics have cost the state.

- To view your rap sheet, select RAP SHEET in the Safe House.

Quick Race Mode

Enter a variety of one-off races. Choose between a QUICK PLAY race and a CUSTOM RACE, or race a friend in LAN mode.

Quick Play

Jump right into the driver's seat in a Quick Play race. In Quick Play, the event type, track, and car you drive are all picked for you. All you need to do is show up and be ready to throw down. You could get lucky and get a car that has not yet been unlocked in Career mode.

To start a Quick Play game:

1. Select QUICK RACE in the Main menu.
2. Choose QUICK PLAY.
3. A screen appears showing the race type, track, and car you'll be driving. To select a new configuration at random, click RANDOMIZE.
4. Click ACCEPT to confirm. The race begins.

Custom Race

Like a Quick Play race, a Custom Race drops you right into the action, only here you get to select which available race, track, and car you wish to drive.

To start a Quick Race:

1. Select QUICK RACE in the Main menu.
2. Select CUSTOM RACE.
3. Choose between a CIRCUIT, SPRINT, DRAG, LAP KNOCKOUT, or SPEEDTRAP race.
4. Select a location for your race.
5. Adjust race options, including difficulty level and whether you wish to drive with an **AUTOMATIC** or **MANUAL** transmission. The race begins.

Challenge Series

The Challenge Series hooks you up with a car and a specific challenge and is designed to test your driving and pursuit evasion abilities. The further you get into the Challenge Series the harder things get. Do you have what it takes to beat them all?

To start the Challenge Series, select CHALLENGE SERIES in the Main menu.

Race Types

CIRCUIT

A traditional lap-style course. Finish first and leave your competitors driving in circles.

DRAG

A pedal-mashing, speed-shifting race to the finish line.

LAP KNOCKOUT

Race laps around a track. At the end of each lap the driver in last place is eliminated. The driver in first place at the end of the last lap wins.

SPEEDTRAP RACE

There are speed traps posted all over the city. Blow through each as fast as possible. Earn the highest cumulative score and you're the winner.

SPRINT

Find out how fast you can get from point A to point B.

TOLLBOOTH

Smack your way through as many tollbooth checkpoints as you can. As the race progresses, the allotted time you have to hit the next checkpoint decreases. If you hit a checkpoint with time to spare, you get a bonus.

Customization

Cold hard cash is the currency of choice on the street. With it you can outfit your ride with a variety of aftermarket parts you'll find in the shops. To earn money, enter—and win—one of the daytime racing events happening around town.

As your reputation increases you get the chance to go up against key opponents in order to earn markers. Markers allow you to unlock special visual and performance upgrades in the shop's back room, reserved for only the best racers. If you go up against a member of the Blacklist 15 and win, the marker you earn may even be a pink slip—redeemable for your opponent's ride. Not bad for a day's work.

- There are one-stop shops all over where you can do everything from customize your engine to add the latest paints and decals. The trick is finding them.

Note: To upgrade your ride, you'll need to trade in your old parts.

LAN

With a LAN connection you can challenge your friends to see who is the most notorious street racer.

- To join a LAN server, select LAN in the Main menu. A list of hosted games appears. Click the name of a game you wish to join.
- To host a LAN server, select LAN in the Main menu, then click HOST LAN SERVER. Follow the on-screen instructions to begin gameplay.

Online

Take the race online and show off your slickest ride and baddest moves.

TO ACCESS ONLINE FEATURES, YOU MUST REGISTER THIS GAME WITH THE ENCLOSED SINGLE USER REGISTRATION CODE. ONLY ONE USER MAY REGISTER THIS GAME. INTERNET CONNECTION REQUIRED. TERMS & CONDITIONS AND FEATURE UPDATES CAN BE FOUND AT www.eagames.com. YOU MUST BE 13+ TO REGISTER ONLINE.

EA MAY RETIRE ONLINE FEATURES AFTER 30 DAYS NOTICE POSTED ON www.eagames.com.

EA Account Setup

Create a new account or use an existing one.

- To create a new EA Online Account, click CREATE NEW EA ACCOUNT and follow the on-screen instructions.
- To use an existing account, click the default EA Account listed or select a different account by choosing USE EXISTING EA ACCOUNT.
- Your EA Account only defaults once you've saved it.
- A single player profile must be created in order to save your EA Account.

Note: Your CD Key is linked to the first EA Account you log in with and is permanently attached to that account. Please do not lose your EA Account name or password.

Online Main Menu

QUICK MATCH

Jump right into an existing ranked match.

SESSION MATCH

Customize your game preferences and link up with someone with a similar profile.

CREATE MATCH

Create a match for others to join. Choose between a Circuit, Sprint, or Drag race.

SELECT CAR

Choose your vehicle.

RANKINGS

View your personal statistics, get the overall stats, or find out who the online leaders are.

NEWS

Get the latest news on *Need for Speed Most Wanted* online community.

Quick Race

- To start a Quick Race game, select QUICK RACE in the Online menu, then select the game mode you wish to play. If a match already exists you automatically join that match. If no match exists you have the option to search again or create your own match for others to join.

Note: All matches in Quick Race mode are ranked matches.

Session Match

To search for a Session Match game, select SESSION MATCH in the Online menu. Search by Game Type, Game Mode, Collision Detection, and Performance Matching, then select the game you wish to play.

EA Messenger

Find your friends online—or discover new ones.

- To open EA Messenger, click the EA Messenger button.
- To toggle between friends lists, friend requests and blocked players, click the arrow buttons.
- Click on a player name in EA Messenger to send them a message, game invite, or a friend request. You may also block players from the EA Messenger as well as offer feedback.

Performance Tips

System Requirements

It is essential that your PC meets the Minimum Requirements as detailed on the game's packaging. If you are experiencing poor performance, check to make sure your system hardware supports the requirements.

Background Tasks

In some cases programs that are running on your system can monopolize resources that the game needs in order to install, load, and run properly. Not all of these programs are immediately visible. There are a number of programs, called "background tasks," that are always running on your system.

Important Note: While shutting down background tasks will optimize your system for running *Need for Speed Most Wanted*, these background tasks' features will be unavailable once shut down. Be sure to re-enable background tasks after playing *Need for Speed Most Wanted* by restarting your computer.

If your system is running anti-virus or crash guard programs you will need to close or disable them to run *Need for Speed Most Wanted*. To do this, find the icon for the program on the Windows Taskbar and then right-click the icon and select "close," "disable," or the relevant option. Please note that these programs will be reactivated the next time you restart your computer.

Once anti-virus and crash guard programs have been disabled, you should end all unnecessary general background tasks.

To view and close background tasks (Windows XP):

1. Hold down **[CONTROL]** and **[ALT]** and then tap **[DELETE]**. Select the Windows Task Manager.
2. Click the **Processes** tab. This tab displays a list of all background tasks running on your system.
3. Click the **User Name** column heading. This sorts all the processes together by user name.
4. Select an item with a user name, but DO NOT select one from the SYSTEM, LOCAL SERVICE, or NETWORK SERVICE groups. Also, DO NOT select the *explorer.exe* or *taskmgr.exe* items.
5. Click END PROCESS. You may receive a warning message, if so click YES. The selected item disappears from the list.
6. Repeat steps 4 and 5 until only *explorer.exe* and *taskmgr.exe* remain in the user name group.

Video and Sound Drivers

An outdated video or sound driver can lead to slow and choppy gameplay, or in some cases can prevent the game from running at all. To ensure an enjoyable experience with *Need for Speed Most Wanted*, be sure that you have the most recent video and sound drivers installed. These drivers are typically available for download from your system or hardware manufacturer's website. If you are not sure what type of video or sound card you have, or you don't know how to update the drivers on your system, please refer to the documentation that came with your system or peripheral.

Internet Performance Issues

To avoid poor performance during Internet play, be sure that you close any file sharing, streaming audio, or chat programs prior to entering gameplay. These applications can monopolize your connection's bandwidth, causing lag or other undesirable effects.

Need for Speed Most Wanted uses the following TCP and UDP port(s) for Internet play:

TCP: 80, 13505, 30900-30999


UDP: 3658

Please consult your router or personal firewall documentation for information on how to allow game related traffic on these ports. If you are attempting to play on a corporate Internet connection, contact your network administrator.

Technical Support


If you have trouble with *Need for Speed Most Wanted*, EA Technical Support can help. The *EA Help* file provides solutions and answers to the most common difficulties and questions about how to properly use this product.

To access the EA Help file (with *Need for Speed Most Wanted* already installed):

Click the  **Start** button from the Windows Taskbar and select **All Programs** (or **Programs**) > **EA GAMES** > **Need for Speed™ Most Wanted** > **Technical Support**.

To access the EA Help file (without *Need for Speed Most Wanted* installed):


1. Insert *Need for Speed Most Wanted* Disc 1 into your CD/DVD-ROM drive.

2. Click the  **Start** button from the Windows Taskbar and select **Run....** Type

D:\support\EA Help\Electronic Arts Technical Support.htm in the Run dialog box, then click OK (substitute the correct letter of your CD/DVD-ROM drive if other than 'D:').


If you are still experiencing difficulty after utilizing the information in the EA Help file you can contact EA Technical Support. EASY Info is a utility that detects your system's hardware and organizes this information into a detailed report. This report can tell you whether you are meeting minimum requirements and helps EA Technical Support solve your problem in the quickest possible time.

To Run The Easy Info Utility (with *Need for Speed Most Wanted* Already Installed):

Click the  **Start** button from the Windows Taskbar and select **All Programs** (or **Programs**) > **EA GAMES** > **Need for Speed™ Most Wanted** > **EASY Info**.

To run the EASY Info utility (without *Need for Speed Most Wanted* installed):

1. Insert *Need for Speed Most Wanted* Disc 1 into your CD/DVD-ROM drive.

2. Click the  **Start** button from the Windows Taskbar and select **Run....** Type

D:\support\easyinfo.exe in the Run dialog box, then click OK (substitute the correct letter of your CD/DVD-ROM drive if other than 'D:').

When the utility finishes gathering hardware information you can view your system information by looking through the various categories. You can save this information to a file by clicking File on the top menu bar, then clicking Export to Desktop > Easy Info Report. A copy of the report is saved to your Windows desktop for viewing and printing. Please be sure to have this report available when contacting Technical Support.

EA Technical Support on the Internet

If you have Internet access, be sure to check our EA Technical Support website at:

<http://support.ea.com>

Here you will find a wealth of information on DirectX, game controllers, modems, and networks, as well as information on regular system maintenance and performance. Our website contains up-to-date information on the most common difficulties, game-specific help, and frequently asked questions (FAQs). This is the same information our support technicians use to troubleshoot your performance issues. We keep the support website updated on a daily basis, so please check here first for no-wait solutions.

If you are unable to find the information you need on our website, please feel free to contact EA Technical Support via e-mail, phone, or letter. *Please be sure to include the Easy Info report in your e-mail or letter.*

If you need to talk to someone immediately, call us at US 1 (650) 628-1005. *Please have the Easy Info report printed and ready when you call.* This will help us service your call in the quickest possible time. This number is available Monday through Friday 8 AM – 5 PM PST. **No hints or codes are available from Technical Support.**

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Online: <http://warrantyinfo.ea.com>

Automated Warranty Information: You can contact our automated phone system 24 hours a day for any and all warranty questions:

US 1 (650) 628-1900

EA Warranty Mailing Address

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